

Appln. No. 10/782,106  
Amendment dated July 18, 2006  
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 13 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled, withdrawn, or added.

Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 4, 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Smith.

Claims 1, 5 and 7 through 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Glass.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Pimentel.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "an agitator member for facilitating agitation of the cleaning solution, said agitator member being positioned in said container member such that said agitator member is positioned in the cleaning solution when said container member contains cleaning solution, said agitator member comprising a plurality of meshed elements defining a plurality of openings in said agitator member".

It is submitted that the Smith, Glass, or Pimental patents would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the applicant's claimed invention as defined in claim 1, especially with the requirements set forth above, and therefore it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art. Further, claims 2 through 5 and 7 through 12, which depend from claim 1, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §102(e) rejections of claims 1 through 5, and 7 through 11 is therefore respectfully requested.

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**Paragraph 5 of the Office Action**

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that claim 6 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claims 1 and 5 (in their original form) into the recitation of claim 6, and therefore claim 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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